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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYLATED FATTY ACIDS AND  
 $\delta$ -LACTONES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof,  
as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.